



SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

To His Honor
The Honorable Mr. Beverly Robinson
Lieutenant Governor of the
Province of Ontario
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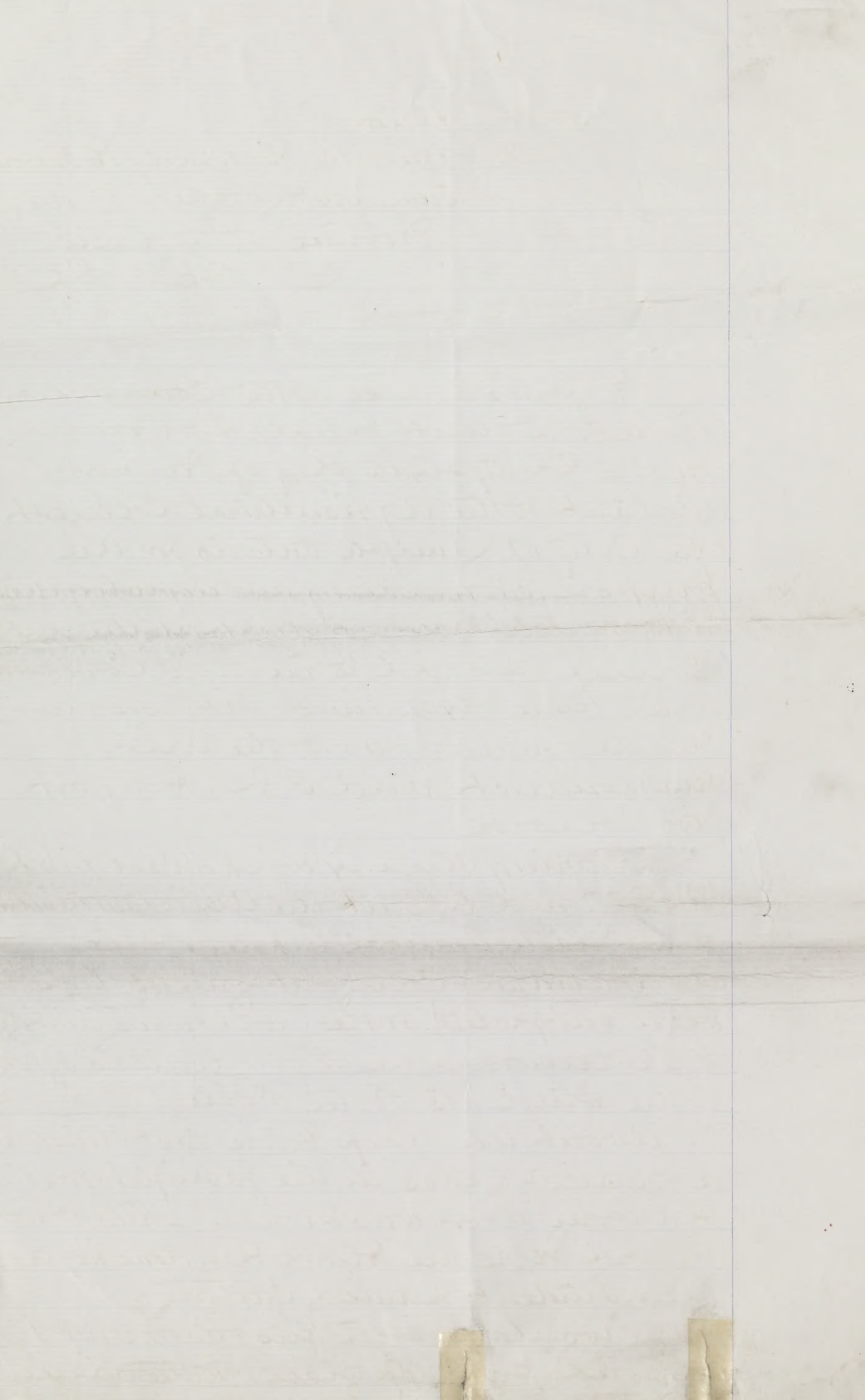
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In pursuance of the Commission issued in that behalf. I proceeded on the twenty sixth day of January instant to the Agricultural College at the City of Guelph Ontario for the purpose of making an investigation into certain misconduct at the said College referred to in said Commission and there examined witnesses and made inquiry as to the said misconduct and I beg to report as follows

During the six weeks last past Mr. Edward L. Hunt the Assistant Resident and Mathematical Master of the Agricultural College at Guelph has been subjected to the following amongst other annoyances at the hands of some of the Students of the College -

About ten days before last Christmas a pane of glass in the parlour over the bedroom door was broken - This was proved before me to have been done by a Ken student named Cutting

Two days after this occurrence the second pane of glass in the same



lantern and the two panes of glass
over his sitting room door were broken
two ink bottles with ink being thrown in
beside arising the curtain and breaking
a large pane of glass in the opposite side
of the room. I was unable to ascertain
the culprits in this case were

Early in this present month of
January during the absence of Mr.
Hunt from the College the two panes
in the lantern over his sitting room
door were again broken one of them
with an ink bottle filled with ink and
water thrown by Mr. Mavor a student
and the other with a bowl of a pipe
thrown by Mr. Beer another student
a picture on the wall was destroyed
by one of these missiles

On last Wednesday evening the
twenty third day of January instant
immediately after tea - about six o'clock -
one of the panes of glass over Mr. Hunt's
sitting room ^{door} was again broken
before me to have been done by Mr. G. H.
Furner a student with a piece of soap

On the same evening between
six and seven o'clock the last named
student - Furner - proposed to Douglas
Herbert - a fellow student - to break into
Mr. Hunt's room pull him out of bed
and duck him under the tap, the
reason for doing so being as stated
in evidence the suspension of a

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Student named Heatherton Heat-day
from the Boarding house altho' not
from the College. Mr Hunt being blamed
by the Students as the cause of his
suspension he having caught
Heatherton in the act of pouring a
jugful of water under Mr Hunt's door
Furner and Herbert after some vain
attempts finally succeeded in
obtaining the consent of the following
students to assist them namely
Walsh, Thomas, Milson Horace Mavor
and Ernest Begbie. Between 6 and
7 o'clock Furner and Herbert brought
into the College a cord wood stick and
secreted it in Herbert's room. The
final arrangements were made in
Furner's room at about ten o'clock
that evening the six students -
mentioned being then present. They
agreed to meet at Herbert's room
at one o'clock in the morning and from
then to proceed to carry out their plot.
At one o'clock with the exception of
Furner. They all met and proceeded
to Mr Hunt's rooms Mavor and Walsh
breaking in his sitting room door
with the cord wood stick breaking the
lock into pieces and otherwise
damaging the door they then made
a rush into the room upsetting the
stove which had a fire in it at the
time. ran into his bedroom and caught

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him by the head feet and body
attempting to gag him with a towel
which Wilson brought with him and tie
his feet with two cords which Kavor
brought with him Begbie carrying
a lit candle with him. In consequence
of the screams made by Mr Hunt and
the resistance he made to them they
did not carry out their object, they
remained for a minute or two and
then running away. They injured
Mr Hunt slightly in the face and body

Upon Mr Hulls the Principal going
from room to room throughout the
college immediately after the
disturbance all the students
denied any knowledge whatever
of the matter

The offenders (with the
exception of Walshe who could not be
found) were with several of the
other students examined on oath
before me, Two of these Turner and
Begbie altho' warned by me and
Mr Hulls as to the results of swearing
to what was false persisted in
denying all knowledge or
connection with the affair thereby
committing perjury

Besides the reason already
assigned for the outbreak several
of the students gave in evidence
as reasons for objecting Mr Hunt



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to these annoyances. ^{The following namely} ~~the~~ the plucking
of students at the examinations,
his youthful appearance his
oneaking way in reporting the
students (this was suppleatically
denied by the Principal) and his
inability to teach them - All of
those examined however swore
that they had personally no
illfeeling towards him or any
charge to make against him

I beg to submit herewith
the evidence taken by me
relating to the investigation

I have the honor


to be
 Sir

Your obedient servant

G. Donohoe

Commissioner

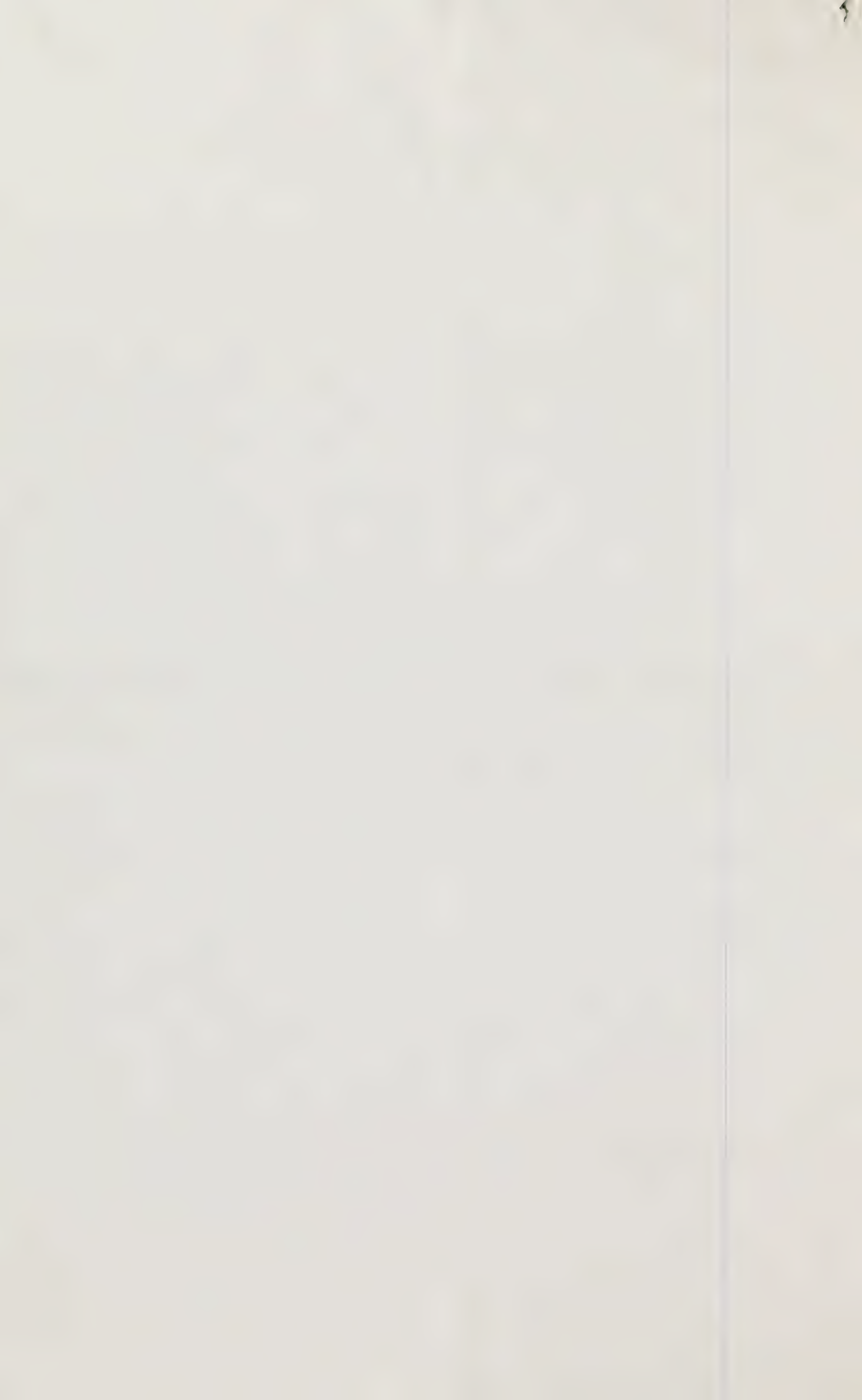
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In the matter of an investigation
into certain misconduct at the
Agricultural College Guelph
before the Manchester Commission
under Commission dated the
twenty fifth day of January AD 1884
the following evidence was taken
by the Commission at the said
College on Saturday the twenty
sixth day of January AD 1884

Edward R. Hunt Assistant
Mathematical Master of the Agricultural
College Guelph being duly sworn
states.

I have been Asst Master since I was
1882 - I live in the College, about
10 days before last Christmas a pane
of glass in the fan light over my
bedroom door was broken I believe
it was done by a student and I
have no knowledge of that fact,
Two days after this occurrence
the second pane in the fan light over
my bedroom door and the two panes
in the fan light over my sitting
room door were broken and
two ink bottles with the ink were thrown
in. In wearing the curtain and
breaking a large pane of glass on
the opposite side of my bedroom
there were also thrown on
brooms soap thrown in

The brooms & soap were those used by the servants.

Whilst I was away I ascertained upon my return that after the pane in the ~~pantry~~ over my sitting room door had been replaced the pane was again broken and a picture on the wall also destroyed. This was in the early part of January unless during my vacation but not during the students' vacation.

Last Wednesday evening ^(23rd instant) immediately after tea one of the panes in my sitting room door was again broken with a piece of soap. This was whilst I was in my room and the students were returning from tea.

The student, or rather part of them, were noisy during tea that evening and from this fact as well as the subsequent breaking of the glass and the suspension of one of the students that day from the Boarding house led me to suspect that some mischief was brewing and upon retiring for the night I only dressed myself in my coat and vest.

I was awakened about 2 o'clock in the morning of the 24th instant by the breaking in of my sitting room door and before I had time to move in my bed 2 Jones at least came into my bedroom through

the sitting room and one of them
caught me by the ~~head~~ putting his
hands on my face. Another caught
me by the feet, and some by ~~the~~ the
body it was some time before I
could free myself from them, I called
for help as best I could with the
persons hands over my face and
mouth, I suffered from their violence
on my face and also on my body
my bowels are quite sore still, as
soon as I got free my feet free I
kicked and was enabled in this
way to get my hands free and I
put my finger thro' one of their
masks the forms I could distinguish
were ~~men~~ - Tho' my shouting
and getting free they let go of
me, and ran out of my room
my glove was knocked down then
was full at the time, my
water jug was upset and the
chimney of my camp was taken
off - I followed them out of my
bed room and one of them went
back at the sitting room door in
the hall and tackled me he was
faller than I am - he had a
night shirt on which just came
down below his knees - I then
saw that it was a cordwood stick
the one now produced which had
made the opening in the locks

on the door were broken off completely
and the door otherwise damaged
The two cords also produced were
subsequently found ^{left} lying & I
they had been cut there by these
unlucky as I felt one of the cords,
during the struggle,

I believe that the perpetrators of the
outrage were 3 or 4 of the students
connected with the College,
E. G. Hunt.

George M. Hinkle, a student in the
Agricultural College, Joseph Brown
states, I was in the ^{camp} college during
all ^{of} Tuesday night from supper
time until next morning, after tea,
I went into the ~~meeting~~ room and
while there, some one I think ^{was} ~~was~~
stated that there was a stick of
cordwood being cut into the college
(he came into the room ~~at the time~~
and stated this, after leaving
it for a moment or two and stated
this. When retiring for the night I
remarked to Brown another student
that a stick of cordwood had been
taken into the college that evening
and it looked as if they were going
to play some trick upon some one
I had no idea who had anything
to do with this ~~was~~ excepting that
they were students of the college,
during the night I heard the

outcry and I got up and inquired of
Raynor what the trouble was and he
stated that he guessed it was some
person had been breaking into Mr.
Hunt's room, I never heard any
of the student, saying anything
against Mr Hunt, I have heard some
of the students say that Mr Hunt
was a mean little beggar or words
to that effect, it was whilst we were
discussing the results of some of the
Examinations in which he had

blushed a number of the students
were present ^{during these discussions} there were
Butler, Nelson, C. A. ~~Conroy~~, H. B. ~~Wright~~,
Major, Mason, Beer Malcolm, Rawson
Bezie hane, Fuller, Droughton,
Geo. W. Mickle

Harold Astworth Student of the
Agricultural College Guelph Ontario
states

Last Wednesday evening I was
in the smoking room from about
1/4 past 6 until 10 min to 7 About 1/2
past 6 I saw a cord wood stick
similar to the one produced I don't
know whether it is the one or not
it was at the top of the stairs leading
into the College it was standing
there, I just came out of the
smoking room and ~~heard~~ and
immediately went back into the

Smoking room, but did not mention
it to any one whatever, I did not tell
anyone that I saw the stick, I do
swear that Mittle, swears false of
the state, that I stated in the
Smoking room that evening that
there was a stick of cordwood
being brot into the College, William
said that there was a stick of wood
there, there were ^{present} Morris, McPherson
H. J. Thurman, C. A. Campbell Linn
& Dupelf in the smoking room
at that time, it was Linn who
spoke out in the smoking room
that there was a stick of cordwood
being brot into the College, I do not
know who brot it in nor did I ever
hear who did, I know of no cause
of any judge against W Hunt by
any of the students

H. J. Thurman.

George M. Wood, a student of the Agricultural
College (Guelph), being duly sworn states
I was in the College last Tuesday
evening from 5 o'clock until the
next morning, between 6 & 7 o'clock
that evening, Herbert, Turner & Kinnear
(students) were standing in the hall leading
from the smoking room when
Turner called me over to them, and
upon going over with me or Herbert
proposed breaking into W Hunt's room
I, ~~Herbert~~ taking him out of bed.

and ducking him under the tap,
which is near Mr Hunt's room, they
asked me if it would be a good
thing & I said it was no more
risk or something to that effect
& that I would not take any part
in it they replied they did not
want me to, Turner said this
I went away then so also did
Ramsay, afterwards I met Herbert
& Turner and they mentioned about
leaving some post or something I did
not see any until this moment,
either Herbert or Turner told me that
Nelson was in with them or they were
going to ask him to take part and
that they were also going to ask
Havoor when he came in he being
out at the time. Ramsay said that
he would not have anything to do
with them, they said he (Hunt)
discovered it because Bratherton
had been suspended that day
that Mr Hunt's representatives and
we all thought it was very trivial for
him to do this, Bratherton had
poured a jugful of water under Mr
Hunt's door that day, Turner broke
the last pane of glass that was broken
in the sun light over ^{Mr Hunt's} the sitting room
door, ^{highway last Wednesday morning} I believe it was Cutting
that broke the first pane of glass
before Hunt, he broke it with a

hammer, he hit the dash & shattered
the glass, I didn't see him do so
but it was known among some of the
students that he did it,

After I heard the noise, about 2
o'clock last Sunday morning in
Mr Hunt's room, I heard some one
come past my door, I heard and
believe it to be true that the following
were engaged in the breaking into
Mr Hunt's room, and assaulting him
namely, Herbert, Nelson, Mavor, James
Halshad, & Legrie. During the conversation
& had with Herbert & James, mentioned
above they told me that they wanted
my students to act in the matter.
Ray, Murray, Malcolm nor Beer were
in the plot, I heard the noise
as already stated, I was asleep
at the time, and it awoke me

G. M. Rouse.

Wm. Alexander Ramsay Student of the
Agricultural College Joseph Town State

I was in the College last
Wednesday evening the 23rd and
sometime that night before 10 o'clock
James spoke to me in the hall,
leading from the smoking room
he was proposing that it would
not be a bad idea to pull Hunt
out of his room and put him
under the tarp. I think the reason
for going to do this ^{way} because Hunt

had caught or reported one of the
students. Turner was alone at that
time. To the best of my knowledge there
was another fellow there. It seems
to me, I did not see Rose, that night.
I replied to Turner that I would not
have anything to do with it, I heard
the noise, about 2 o'clock in the
morning but did not recognize
it, I heard that Malcolm, Herbert,
Mitsou & Begbie were in the plot. I heard
the students saying that these
men were in it, I don't think Rose
was in the plot. I heard the crash in
breaking the pane of glass that
was Tuesday morning but did not
see any person do it nor do I know
who did it. Malcolm I think
was with Turner when he asked me
to go into the plot with him, Malcolm
said no he would not do it, ^{just before} after
the lights went out that is a little
before 10 I went into Begbie's room
Amund was in bed, Turner & Malcolm
were there. They were again talking
about this matter when both Malcolm
& myself stated we would leave
nothing to do with it.

W. Bausay.

Edward Turner Student here,
and upon states,
I was in the smoking room from

tea being ~~at~~ ^{from} being from
256 to ^{last Wednesday evening} ~~7.1~~ I did not see nor hear of
any stick being voted into the College
that night, I came to the smoking
room ^(lower) between 6 & 7 I was going to my
room I saw two of the students ahead
of me one was ahead of the other
carrying a stick between them
under their arms. The one produced
may be the very stick, I don't
know who were carrying the stick.
I may have told the students in
the smoking room.

E. Quinn

~~Mr Oliver Adams, Student Quorum Place~~

Theodore, Wroughton Student & Quorum Place
Last Wednesday evening I was
in ~~my~~ ^{my} room between 6 & 7
some of the students speak against
Mr Hunt but on the whole the students
get along with him pretty well. I
get along well with him I have
nothing whatever against him, I
was in Dralsie's room just before
lights were put out, but he said
nothing about Mr Hunt in any way
S. A. Wroughton.

~~Mr James Butler~~
~~Student Quorum Place~~
Last Wednesday evening I was at the



college, between 6 1/2 was part of the
time in the smoking room & part of
the time in my room, & didn't hear
anything about the stick of cord
wood, I never heard that Ralph had
anything to do with the plot against ^{Mr Hunt} ~~him~~
I have nothing against Mr Hunt I
have no fault to find with him. I have
heard disparaging remarks made to
him, in the smoking room, & doubt know
of any wrong he has done unless that
he plucked some of the students at
examinations.

Gerald L. Baker.

George H. Malcolm Student sworn states
I was in the College last Wednesday
evening between 6 1/2 & 7 o'clock of that
evening I had a conversation with
Turner in ^{Quarrels room and} the hall leading past
past my room, the conversation was
in reference to the plot, then were present
on this occasion, Turner, Herbert, Bent
Almond & myself it was proposed that
Mr Hunt should be put under the cap
if had not been arranged who should
do this at that time but 2 or 3 of us
volunteered to do this, I did so but
directly afterwards, retraced
and had nothing further to do
with it, Mr Herbert agreed to do so
Mr Turner also did so but neither of
the other two did, after my refusal
they would not let me know any.

thing further about it, Rose was not in
it from my knowledge, I heard that
the following students were in the plot
Furrier Herbert, Balch, Nelson, Bezbie
Major I have heard these students
saying or giving me to understand that
they were in the plot excepting Major
& Furrier, I have heard that Furrier
did not enter W Hunt's Room that
night but that the others did, it was
since the occurrence that I heard
of the above being in the plot.

I know of the pane of glass in the
jaulight over W Hunt's sitting room
door being broken that night it was
broken by Furrier it was done with
a bit of soap, I am perfectly certain
from my knowledge that neither
Rose nor Ramsay were in the
plot, I now say that it was not
mistakenly afterward, that I refused
to go into the plot but it was when
I saw that they were really intending
to carry out their design that I
retracted, I saw them bringing in
the log of wood Herbert & Furrier put
it in the log now produced
I believe the one, it was then
that I made up my mind to have
nothing more to do with the affair
Atholston.

Guest Bezbie Student & now states
I was in the College last Wednesday,

morning I know nothing about the
plot or trouble with Mr Hunt that took
place that night or about 2 o'clock
on Monday morning I did not
hear anything about there being
a plot: nor do I know, who were
in it. I was not in I have not got
the slightest idea who broke into
Mr Hunt's room that night, I never
heard the slightest conversation
about the affair before it was done
I was with Mr Aumand, I did
not hear that Furner Herbert Walsh Nelson
or Mann had anything to do with the
matter, neither Herbert nor Furner
were in my room that night

Ernest Byrie

Justice Bent I did not own & take

I was in the College last Wednesday
morning a short time before 7 that
morning Mr Malcolm, Herbert, Furner
Aumand & myself were in Mr Aumand's
room in the College when a conversation
took place about breaking in the door
of Mr Hunt's room, myself Malcolm
& Aumand thought it a very foolish
thing to do the other two did not agree
with us but said they would do it that
morning, Furner & Herbert got up the
stick of wood, they got it into the hall
into Mr Aumand's room. Aumand was
there at the time, I saw them bringing
it in, the stick of wood now produced

is the one they got in

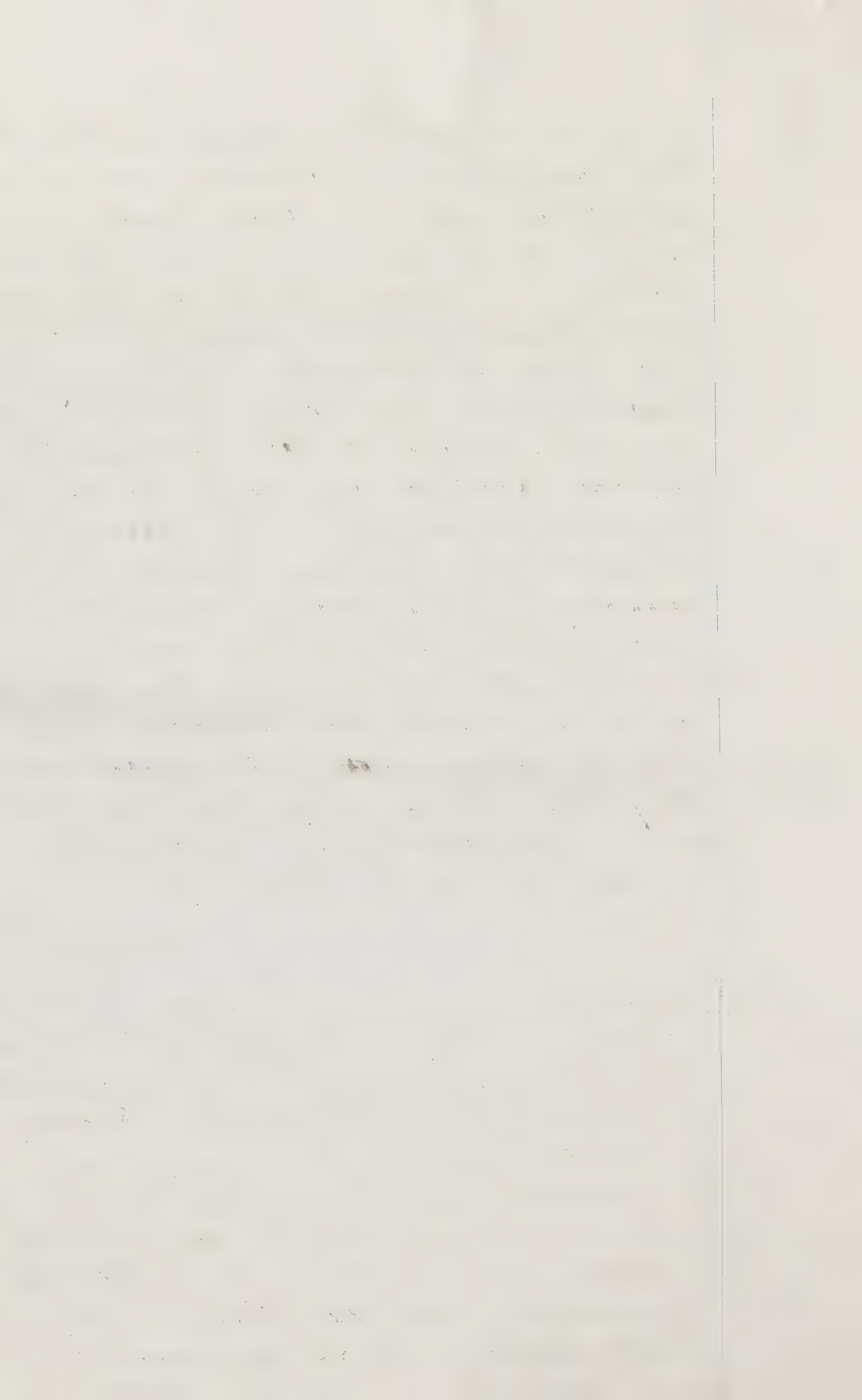
Estace & Bent

Douglas, Herbert Student sworn states
I was in the college last Wednesday
morning. I was with M. Furmer after
6 that evening, Furmer and I took
the log or stick of cordwood up into the
College Heat seeing the way of the
affair was carried out was this. Furmer
started the whole thing by proposing
to break into M Hunt's room pull him
out of bed & ducting him under
the lat. The reason for our doing this
was the suspension of Mr Atterton
that day I have nothing whatever
against M Hunt nor do I know
anything against him whatever
He asked Malcolm, Bent, Ramoay
& join with us in the plot but they
refused, we then asked or further
asked, Walter Wilson never to join
with us and they agreed, Bezie knew
about it and had agreed I don't
know who asked him, the final
arrangements were completed in
Furmer's room at 10 o'clock that
evening never had returned he
was in the room with us, the six
of us were there and no other
when we completed the arrangements
they were all to meet at my room
about 11 o'clock in the morning and
then proceed to M Hunt's room

At about that time, we all met with
the exception of Turner who did
not turn up. We all had our
night shirts on over our pants,
Halse and Mavor broke in the door
of Mr Hunt, pulling ^{with the log} ~~rope~~ and the
five of us went into his ~~bed room~~
Mavor had the ropes now produced
we were going to tie Mr Hunt up
but he kicked up such a noise,
we shot some one in the ~~air~~
we all ran away again I only
kicked him once I think that
was in his leg I was one of the
first out of the room, the five of
us who made the attack were
Halse Nelson Mavor Bequie and
myself there were no other students
who advised us in the matter,
or gave us any assistance.

Douglas E Herbert

3012 N Turner, Student & Women Classes,
I was in the college last Wednesday
morning. I haven't anything whatever
against Mr Hunt nor do I know
any student who has anything
against him, I know of no
charge against him - I had
nothing to do whatever with the
breaking into Mr Hunt's room
that night or next morning I did
not advise it to being done I



did not ask any person to do it
or assist in doing it I had no
conversation with Mr Herbert, ^{Malcom}
Beut, Rose, Ramsey, Weaver, ^{Walter}
Mason, Begbie, or any other person
about the matter I did not
bring up or assist in bringing in
the stick of cordwood now
produced into the College for
as I know who did, I broke
the pane of glass in the jan light
over Mr Hunt's sitting room door
that evening I did it intentionally
with a piece of soap, I knew it
broke the window it was done
in a spirit of mischief I knew
of the glass being broken before
but do not know who broke it
nor did I hear who did so
I do not know any more about
the matter than what I have
stated

G. A. Furner.

Thomas J. Wilson Student Dorman
States I was in the College
last Wednesday evening in room
with Herbert in presence of Messrs
that evening Furner asked me to
join him and some of the others
in breaking into Mr Hunt's room
and pulling ^{out} ~~him~~ and ducking
him under the tap. He assigned

no reason for doing this and I
had no reason - I haven't any
thing against Mr Hunt no, do
I know of any one who has,
there is no charge against him,
Furber asked me, to assist in my
own room, Herbert was there no
one else, I was in Aumands room
that night, the matter ^{was} talked over
there by those present, namely
myself Aumand Begbie, Herbert
Aumands would not go into it
with us - It was agreed that we
should meet in my room at
one o'clock to proceed to Mr Hunt's
room. Previous to that we met
at Mavor's room, there were
present in Mavor's room, Furber
Herbert myself Begbie, Kralsh
and Mavor, we talked the matter
over there & agreed to meet in
my room - With the exception
of Furber we all met in my
room about 1 o'clock & proceeded
to Mr Hunt's, we all had our
night-shirts on over our pants
so that we could get into bed
easier & quicker when we returned
Mavor & Kralsh had the ^{produced} log & broke
in the door with it, I had a
towel, with which I intended
to stop him screaming Mavor
had the ropes or cords produced

Bezie had the candle, Herbert
had nothing with him. I caught
hold of him ^{Hand} & Hunt by the legs
He was there about 2 or 3 minutes
and we saw away because of
his screams, Halse & Hunt ^{went}
first with Mavor. He intended to
tie him and put him under
the tarp. ~~There started the~~
15. { ~~whole thing~~ Rose had nothing
to do with it nor Ramsay nor
Beer nor anyone else in our
hall. I know about the breaking
of the glass in the janitor's over
Mr Hunt's door, Mavor & Beer
know broke the glass the time
before the cast. Mavor threw in a
bottle of ink; G. G. Dean

Honorable Beer Student I own state
that I was in the college
last Wednesday evening.
I did not know anything about
the plot or got to maltreat Mr
Hunt. I have nothing ^{particular} against
Mr Hunt nor do I know of any
of the students who has he is
not generally liked by the students
but I don't know of any particular
reason why. Fratherton's suspension
caused a little ill feeling against
Mr Hunt he being blamed because
he caught Fratherton in the act.

By supplying the water into his
room, I remember Major throwing
a bottle of ink thro' the ^{faulight over}
^{no,} the sitting room door of Mr. ~~Hunt~~ ^{Hunt}
room it broke one pane of glass
this was his month since vacation
I was with him at the time I
trapped & trust him in the hall
I broke the other pane at the same
time. by throwing a bowl of a pipe
thro' it, I was present before last
It was when a pane of glass in the
^{no,} faulight over the ^{bedroom} room of Mr. Hunt
was broken, there were three broken
at that time, I saw Bebie break
one I don't know what with, I
don't know of any other who
^{no,} ~~break any~~

Arise, I see

George Corson Student I was in
I was in the college, last
Wednesday morning, I was also
in the lecture room last Thursday
^{no,} when Mr. Hunt ^{was} lecturing
when I came into the lecture
Room I saw the following words
written in the ^{blackboard} ~~blackboard~~
murder! murder! Help! Help!
murder! murder! it was I who
wrote these words I wrote them
out soon of Thursday last, Mr.
Robb also wrote something to the

same effect, I only wrote Murder
twice on the blackboard and
he also wrote it twice and the
words Help? Help? I heard Robb
call out Help Help in the passage
The upstairs in a loud voice, I think
that H. Campbell also called out Help
Help Murder Murder in a loud
The voice, ~~I think that Dr. Miller, Cross,~~

G. H. Corran.

Horace Mavor Student ~~Dworn~~
states,

That I was in the College
last Wednesday evening from
about 1/2 past 10 I had been
down town all afternoon until
then, I came direct to my room
upon my return and I found
in it Turner, Begbie & Kilson. I am
sure they were in it but not
certain of anyone else. They told
me that they were going to break
No. 11's door open that night and
fill it with water on him they
asked me to join in the reason
for doing this was because his
age is not sufficient his appearance
is against him and I don't think
that he is a capable instructor
he has a speaking way about him
that is my impression only as
I don't know any thing personal

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against him. He was not ill -
Healed me I have nothing
except against him. After we
settled the matter here they all
went back to their own rooms
with the understanding to
meet in Herbert & Wilson's room
about one o'clock that night
we all met there at about
that time. I called Nalsh from
his room on my way there
Furner did not however turn
up Nalsh and I broke open the
door with a log of wood which
we got in Herbert's room. After
the door was open we all made
a general rush into his bedroom
I lead the way I caught him
around the bed somewhere
we only remained there a minute
or so because he made such a
row I brought in two pieces of
string for the purpose of lashing
or tying his feet someone had
a towel but I don't know who
it was. I don't recollect coming
back on him at the sitting room
door this was not the first time
I tried to annoy H. Hunt. About
a couple of weeks ago Beer & I
broke a couple of panes of glass in
the parlour over the sitting room I
threw a bottle of ink thro' the glass

with ink & water, in it Beer & water
& something thro' the other pane
I don't recollect of anything
else I did. The order has
been pretty fair this term,
the order will not be good so
long as Mr Hunt is here.

J. M. W. W.

Written by Mr. Mavor with his
left hand his right arm being
sprained and he being in bed.

J. M. W.

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Agricultural College

Quebec Jan 27th

— Winchester Esq.

Dear Sir,

In connection with this
affair of last Thursday
morning I beg to submit the
following facts.

The reason why I denied
all knowledge of the affair
in the investigation of last
Saturday was not to shield
myself but from the fear
of implicating others, not

having known at the time
that I gave my evidence
that the whole affair was
known to the officials, and
having given my word not
to tell on the other students
that was my reason for
keeping the facts from you.

I was connected with the
affair, being one of those
who helped to get it up,
but was not an actual
participator in it.

Hoping this will give you
a proper view of the case.

I remain
^{1/40}respectfully,
G. H. Turner Jr.

Ontario Agricultural College

27th January 84

John Winchester Esq

Dear Sir

I beg to retract my statements
that I made to you yesterday
January 26th concerning
your investigation of the
affair of Mr^r Hunt. The
reason I forgave myself
was to save the others
implicated in the affair,
not to defend myself.
I joined of my own accord

not being asked by anyone.

I was in Mr. Moore & Lucie's
room between ten & half
past, & agreed to meet in
Mr. Wilson & Herbert's room
at 1 a.m. I went there
as agreed upon, & at
the appointed time went
with the rest & broke
in the door of Mr. Hunt's
room. I was to seize
Mr. Hunt's legs along with

M^r Herbert, but owing to
M^r Furness's absence I had
to take the life by myself
& also hold a light which
was knocked out of my
hand during the affray.
When we found it was
useless we left the room
& I then returned to my
bed.

Ernest Bieber
January 1st 1884

I have written this letter
for Mr B & Co, owing to
him having some papers
which was dictated by
himself

Douglas Herbert

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Attorney. Gene

Greeting:

We refer in and by Chapter Seventeen of the Revised Statutes of Ontario it is enacted that whenever the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council deem it expedient to cause enquiry to be made into and concerning any matter connected with the good government of this Province or the conduct of any part of the public business thereof or the administration of justice therein and such enquiry is not regulated by any special law, the Lieutenant Governor may by the Commission in the case confer upon the Commissioner or person by whom such enquiry is to be conducted the power of summoning before him any party or witnesses and requiring them to give evidence on oath orally or in writing (or on oath or affirmation if they be parties entitled to affirm

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Provinces of Ontario

Victoria, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Queen, Defender of the Faith, &c, &c, &c

To John Winchester, of the City of Toronto, Esquire, &c
By the Minister of the Crown, &c, &c, &c



offenders are inmates of the said Gaol

And whereas the Lieutenant Governor of
the said Province in Council deemed it expedient
for the order and discipline of the said Gaol
that a thorough enquiry into the said matters
should be made by some authorized to take
evidence under oath

Now know you that we having and
reposing full trust and confidence in you the said
John Winchester do hereby and with the advice
of our Councils Council of the said Province
appoint you the said John Winchester, our
Commissioner in this behalf to examine into
and report to our said Lieutenant Governor
the matters and things so charged against
the said offenders touching to you our said

a firm in civil-matters) and to produce such documents and things as such Commissioners deems requisite to the full investigation of the matters into which he is authorized to examine and that the Commissioners shall have the same power to enforce the attendance of such witnesses and to compel them to give evidence as is vested in any Court of Law in civil cases.

And Whereas about two o'clock in the morning of the twenty-fourth day of January instant, some persons who were named before a few the door of the room of Mr. Stuart, the Assistant-Master of the Agricultural College at Quek and made the said door instant
knocks in various ways

And whereas it is objected that the said

of all our said services faithfully you concerning
the same.

To Hance, Ward and Benley the said Affice
and authorly of Commissions for and during
the Revenues of Our Lieutenant Governor.

In Testimony whereof. We have caused these Our
Letters to be made Patent and the Seal Real
of Our said Province of Ontario to be hereunto
affixed: Witness, the thomorrow John
Berkeley Robinson, Lieutenant Governor of Our
Province of Ontario, at Our Government House,
in Our City of Toronto in Our said Province
this twentieth fifth day of January in the year
of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
eighty four and in the thirty seventh year
of Our Reign

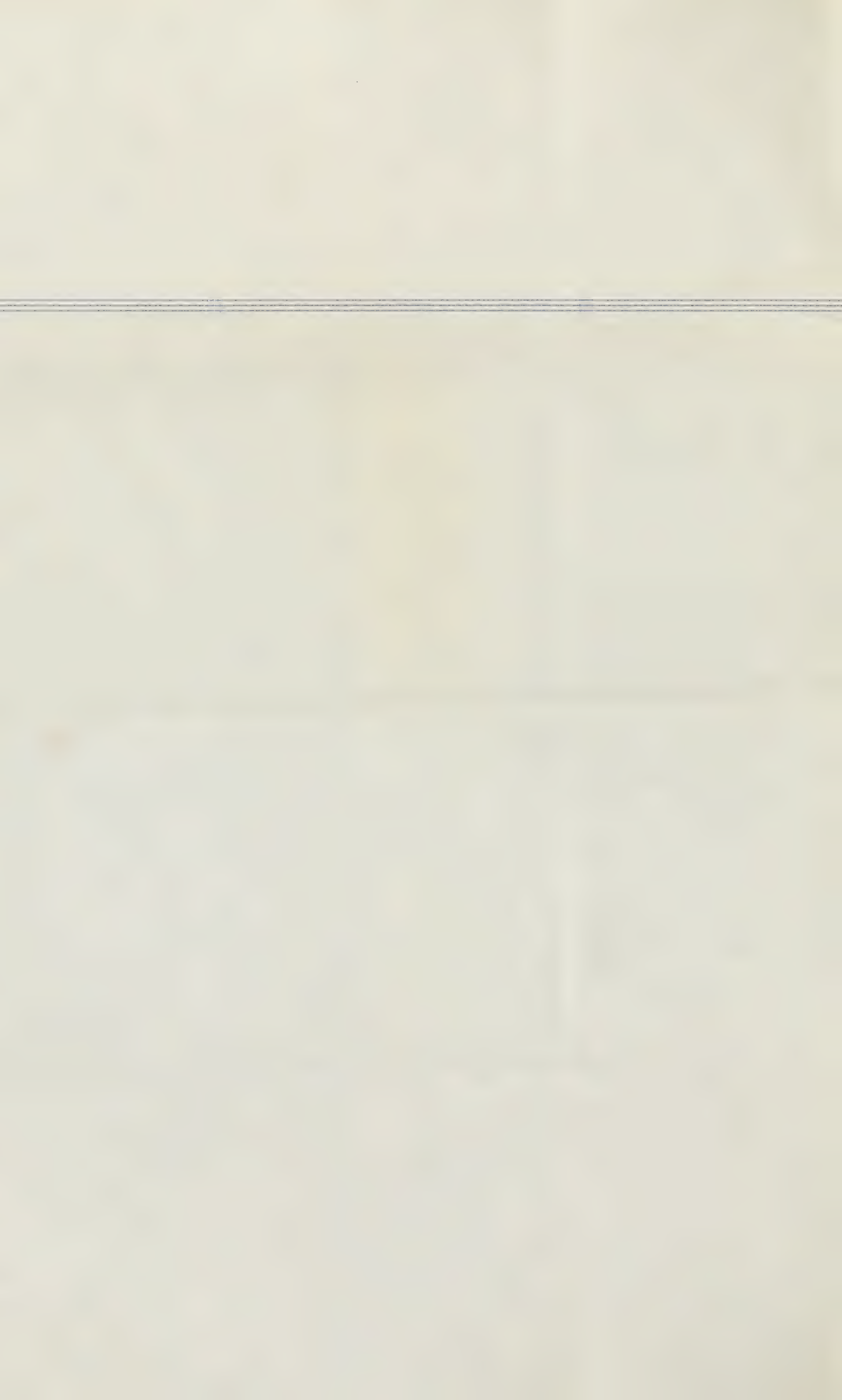
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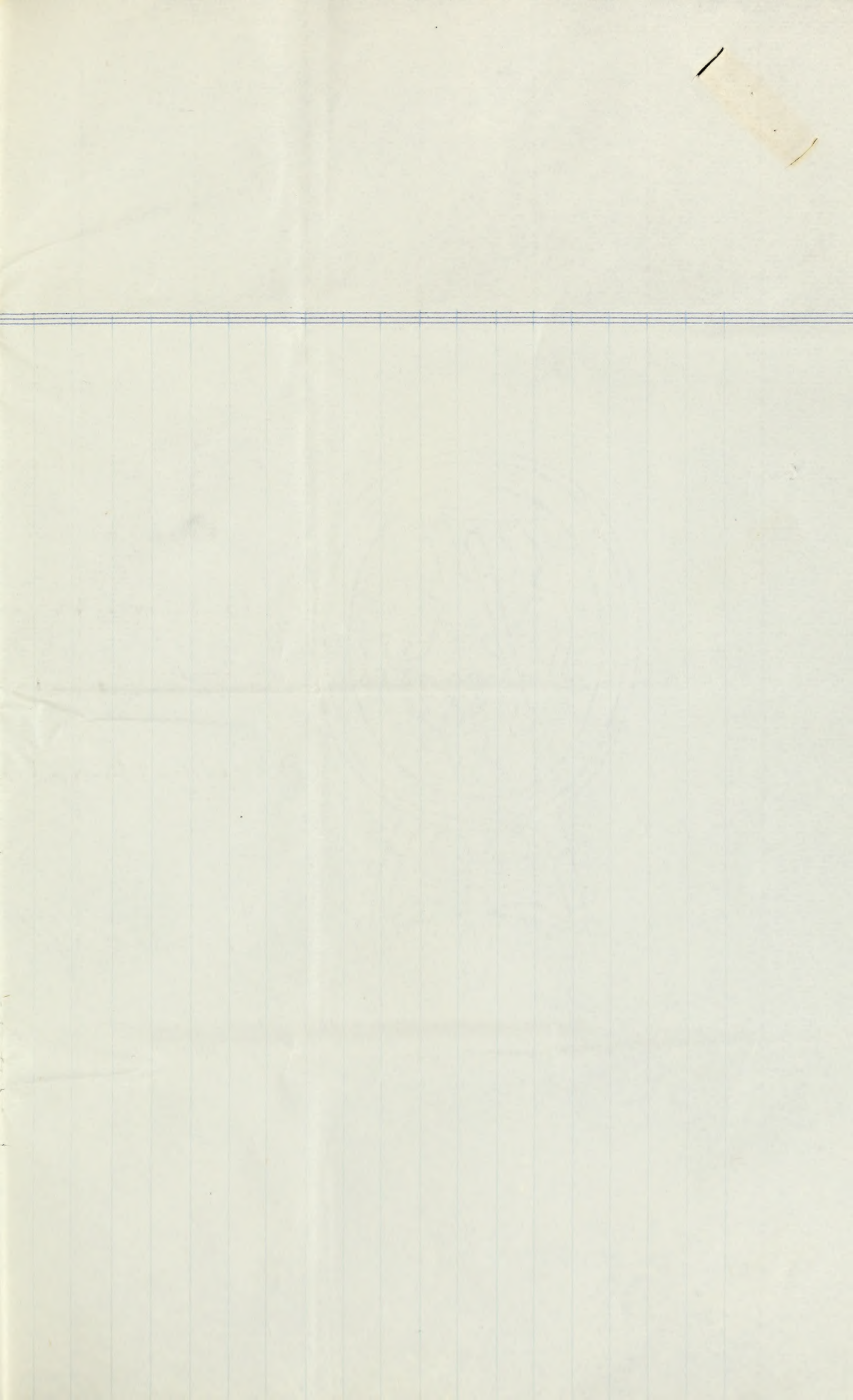


Secretary.

Commissioner full power and authority to summon
before you any witness or witnesses and require
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in writing (or on sworn affirmation if such
witness or witnesses is or are entitled to
affirm in civil matters) and to produce to you
such said Commissioner such documents and
things as you may deem requisite to the full
investigation of the premises together with
all and every other power and authority in the
said Act mentioned and authorized to be by the
conferrd on any Commissioner as provided by
authorities in pursuance thereof

And we do require you Our said
Commissioner for the with after the conclusion of
such enquiry to make full report to His Majesty
the said investigation together with a return





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